

House Resolution No. 176

Whereas, the Missouri House of Representatives occasionally pauses in its diverse endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Americans who have admirably demonstrated down through the years their tremendous love of country, leadership, and service; and

Whereas, Ronald Wilson Reagan is a man of humble origins who diligently worked throughout his life to serve freedom and advance the public good by employment as an entertainer, Union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of the state of California, and President of the United States; and

Whereas, after serving with honor and distinction as President of the United States for one term, President Ronald Reagan enjoyed reelection to this nation's highest elective office by earning the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and achieving victory in forty-nine of the fifty states, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

Whereas, during his tenure in office, President Ronald Reagan took a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment and led it in a bipartisan manner to unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for all through the restoration of accountability and common sense in government; and

Whereas, President Ronald Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped to lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

Whereas, in his role as Commander-in-Chief, Ronald Reagan used his commitment to the armed forces to restore pride in America and its democratic values which are respected worldwide and to prepare this nation to win the Cold War with a vision of "peace through strength", a policy and practice which ultimately won the Gulf War, led to the demise of the Soviet Union, and brought about basic human rights for millions of people:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar leadership and outstanding service provided by Ronald Reagan to his country during his more than nine decades of life and to observe on February 6, 2002, the Ninety-first Anniversary of his birth and his distinctive status as the oldest living former president; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in observance of the Ninety-first Birthday of former President Ronald Wilson Reagan.

Offered by _____
Representative Catherine L. Hanaway
District No. 87

I, Jim Kreider, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 176, adopted February 5, 2002.

Jim Kreider, Speaker

